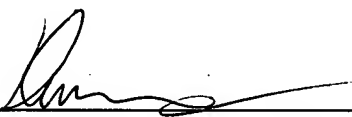


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-39 are cancelled, leaving claims 40-48 pending in the application.  
Applicant requests examination of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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